



— State of —  
**North Dakota**  
*Office of the Governor*  
**John Hoeven**  
*Governor*

**EXECUTIVE ORDER 2004-06**

**WHEREAS**, abnormal rainfall during May 28-31, high winds and the continued historic rise of Devils Lake threaten the integrity of state and county transportation infrastructure systems; and

**WHEREAS**, I, John Hoeven, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Governor of the State of North Dakota, have declared a flood transportation emergency June 23, 2004, for Benson and Ramsey Counties; and

**NOW THEREFORE**, I order total utilization of the North Dakota State Emergency Operations Plan, its procedures, attachments, and appendices toward recovery efforts, alleviation of hardship, and implementation of mitigation measures to facilitate restoration and recovery of vital public infrastructure and to help meet essential needs of business, industry, and individuals.

This order is issued upon the following basis and for the following reasons:

1. The Governor is vested with the executive authority pursuant to Article V, Section 1 of the North Dakota Constitution.
2. The governor is vested with statutory authority to issue executive orders, minimize or avert the effects of a disaster or emergency pursuant to Chapter 37-17.1 of the North Dakota Century Code.
3. A coordinated and effective effort of appropriate government departments is required to minimize the impact of emergencies and disasters in this state.

Executed at Bismarck, North Dakota, this 23rd day of June 2004.

/s/  
John Hoeven  
Governor

Attest:  
/s/  
Alvin A. Jaeger  
Secretary of State